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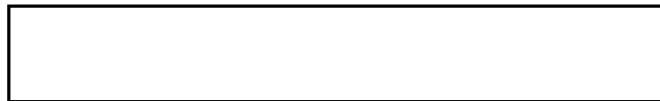
MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

The following is taken from DCI notes used at the meeting on 12 July of the Special Group (Augmented):

We know a lot about Cuba and the following are the essential elements in our assessment of the present situation:

1. Cuba belongs to Castro.
2. Castro is strengthening his military forces.
3. Police security appears to be good.
4. Popular support for Castro has been substantially diminished.
5. Castro has a number of serious problems including general economic situation, food, spare parts and management of industries.
6. No splits are apparent in the top leadership.

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